

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 7, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 42-64, 67-75, and 77-82 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. New claim 83 has been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 42-83 are currently pending in the application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Office Action objected to the specification because the abstract "should be limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range from 50 to 150 words" (Office Action, page 2). Applicants submit that the present application is a national stage of a PCT application under §371. The international application (WO 2004/008786) was published with an abstract on the cover thereof. Therefore, Applicants submit that the application includes an abstract in compliance with 36 CFR 1.72 and request that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 42-59 and 61-78 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. In particular, the Office Action asserted that there appears to be no correlation between the step of "checking if the first type of address is transformable to a second type of address using a first database in the first network" and the remaining steps in the claim. Claims 42 and 61 have been amended to remove the

step of “checking if the first type of address is transformable to a second type of address using a first database in the first network.” As such, Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is rendered moot.

The Office Action rejected claims 42, 48, 56-58, 60, 61, 67, 75-77, and 79 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art in the application (Specification, pages 1-4, hereinafter “APA”). Claims 43, 44, 46, 47, 49-55, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68-74, 78 and 80-82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over APA in view of 3GPP TS 24.228 V5.0.0. Claims 45 and 64, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejection and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 42 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original claim 45, which was indicated as being allowable. Claim 61 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original claim 64, which was also indicated as being allowable. Independent claim 80 has also been amended to include similar limitations. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 42, 61, and 80 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 60 and 79 have been amended to be dependent upon claims 42 and 61, respectively. Thus, claims 43-60 are dependent upon claim 42, claims 62-79 are dependent upon claim 61, and claims 81-82 are dependent upon claim 80. Applicants submit, therefore, that claims 43-60, 62-79, and 81-82 should be allowed for at least their dependence upon claims 42, 61, and 80, respectively, and for the specific limitations recited therein.

Although new claim 83 has its own scope, Applicants submit that claim 83 should be allowed for similar reasons as claims 42, 61, and 80.

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully assert that all of claims 42-83 should now be in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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